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PLACE: Safe House "A"

PERSONS PRESENT: []

COVER USED: Roberto FORD

DISCUSSION:

1. [] said that he would write the following letters as soon as possible:

a. A letter to the FAGE group in El Salvador. [] said that this matter would be slightly difficult since the leader of the FAGE group is a firm RUFUS man. Therefore [] said that he will write the letter to the FAGE leader, then send it to RUFUS requesting that RUFUS attach the appropriate ~~statement~~ to indicate that there had been a re-organization in the propaganda section of the Group and also, that [] is now the chief of the propaganda activities.

b. [] will also write a letter to Horacio CORDOVA, the Guatemalan exile now living in Mexico. He said that he will phrase this letter in very general terms because he did not particularly trust CORDOVA; however, he saw the value of sending him a letter of good will which would maintain CORDOVA's confidence in the anti-communist cause.

c. [] said that he will write a letter to Jorge [] in Mexico City, in the form of a door-opening letter which will set the scene for future contact with PRIETO LAURENS in Mexico.

2. [] said that he had written a letter to RUFUS in which he had advised that [] be sent to Nicaragua (?) to aid RUFUS as soon as possible.

a. I advised [] that it would certainly be the best policy for all future letters to be sent through the secure channels which we have now arranged; he promised that he would do this in the future.

b. [] said that his reason for asking that [] be sent to Honduras was that [] could then act as second in command to RUFUS; in the event that RUFUS should become disabled [], who has an extremely good military background as well as prestige in military circles, could carry on the work of the group. [] has no political background nor political, personal ambitions;

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however, RUFUS considered him one of the youngest and most able officers of the Guatemalan Army whom he (i.e. RUFUS) knows. [] said that [] is very strongly motivated and that he does not believe that if he were tortured by the Guatemalans he would divulge any news whatsoever. [] has a []er (who is now the MA in Chile), both of whose arms are paralyzed as a result of having been shot at the time that ARANA was killed. [] said that he was certain that RUFUS was in favor of the idea of [] acting as his second in command.

3. With respect to RUFUS' request that GALVEZ be approached to indicate United States interest, it is []'s opinion that this contact would not necessarily have to be made through diplomatic channels but rather through friends who are not in the American Embassy. [] indicated very strongly that this should be done through the United Fruit Company People. He said that if this could not be arranged he could go to New Orleans and have the matter arranged in that city so that GALVEZ could be notified at a later date. Certainly there was interest by the Group or by the United States in the RUFUS [] movement.

4. Regarding the Conference, [] said that he would be perfectly willing to make the trip as indicated. (Note: after viewing his documents, it is my opinion that [] will have no trouble in making the trip for he has a re-entry permit into the United States which specifically indicates travel to Mexico and South American countries. [] also stated at this time that he did not wish to make any speeches at the Conference but that he would be quite willing to see and arrange for the delegates coming to the Conference. He said that judging by a previous plan which he had considered, the cost of such a congress would be approximately \$20,000.

5. I explained to [] directly the difficulty of/approaching his group in Mexico City inasmuch as there was a great disorganization between the leader, [] and the rest of the group's members, and between [] and []. [] said that he understood this problem very well, that he felt that there would be no difficulty and that he could carry out the matter inasmuch as [] would not have to be considered a stumbling block in the formation of a Congress.

6. [] advised that the Congress should try to encompass or contain a certain number of Latin American students in order to convey the idea that the Congress is being sponsored not only by anti-Communist liberals but equally by Latin American University students from the various countries. He said that this would be particularly effective if the Mexican student anti-Communist group could be gathered into this conference.

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